

Welcome to the Department of Economic Security (DES) Tribal Relations website. The mission of the Department is to promote safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of children, adults and families. The vision is for every child, adult and family in the State of Arizona to be safe and economically secure. This includes collaborating with and coordinating service delivery to Arizona's 22 Tribal Nations.

The Department recognizes the importance of highlighting its commitment, perspective and resources to serve as a focal point for bringing pertinent information to the Tribes. It honors tribal sovereignty and adheres to the Tribal Government Consultation Policy through the Office of the Tribal Relations Liaison.

<u>Tribal Government Consultation Policy</u> DES Tribal Government Consultation Policy was developed pursuant to Executive Order 2006-14. The policy outlines DES Policy with regard to Tribal Consultation.

<u>Executive Order 2006-14</u> Issued by former Governor Janet Napolitano on September 14, 2006, the Executive Order established requirements for all Executive Branch agencies related to the consultation and cooperation with Arizona's 22 tribes.

<u>Tribal Consultation Reports</u> DES Tribal Consultation Reports are submitted yearly pursuant to Executive Order 2006-14, which requires all Executive Branch agencies to produce an annual report that outlines all actions taken with the Tribes.

Indian Child Welfare Act The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) ((Public Law 95-608, 92 Stat. 3069, enacted November 8, 1978), codified at 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963.) is a Federal law that seeks to preserve the American Indian families and their culture.